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SUBJECT: CANADIAN REACTION TO US DECISION ON ILO

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1. SECRETARY MARSHALL'S STATEMENT WAS READ TO JOHN MAINWARING ON TELEPHONE (AS HE WAS ON VACATION) AND PERSONALLY DELIVERED BY LABOR ATTACHE TO LUCILLE CARON.
2. MAINWARING SAID HE WAS NOT SURPRISED WITH CABINET LEVEL COMMITTEE (CLC) DECISION BUT, NEVERTHELESS, HE WAS DISAPPOINTED.
3. CARON SPOKE AT SOME LENGTH ABOUT POSSIBLE REACTION OF LDC'S TO CLC DECISION. SHE FEARS THAT SOME OF MOMENTUM FOR REFORM MAY BE LOST AS LDC'S MAY TAKE A "WHAT'S THE USE ATTITUDE". SHE ALSO FEARS THAT COHESIVENESS AMONG IMEC GROUP MAY BE AFFECTED AND ILO MOVE MORE UNDER SOVIET INFLUENCE BY 1979 CONFERENCE. IN HER OPINION, 1979 CONFERENCE WILL BE MORE IMPORTANT THAN 1978 CONFERENCE, IN THAT DECISIONS WILL BE MADE ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA, ISRAEL AND OTHER "APPLICATION OF CONVENTIONS" CASES. SHE ALSO FELT THAT ARTICLE 17 ISSUE WOULD FINALLY BE RESOLVED NEXT YEAR AND THE IMEC GROUP COULD ACCOMPLISH MORE WITH UNITED

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STATES PRESENT. ON FILLING GOVERNING BODY SEAT LEFT VACANT BY U.S. WITHDRAWAL, SHE THOUGHT THAT COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS MAY MAKE "NEXT STRONGEST INDUSTRIAL COUNTRY" RECOMMENDATION TO NOVEMBER GOVERNING BODY MEETING. GOVERNING BODY MAY OR MAY NOT MAKE A DECISION TO FILL VACANT SEAT. MADAME CARON SAID SHE WAS SADDENED BY THE CLC DECISION.

4. BOTH MAINWARING AND CARON WERE PLEASED WITH COMPLIMENTARY NOTE THAT WAS PRESENTED ALONG WITH SECRETARY MARSHALL'S STATEMENT. PLACKE

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